(d) whether any effort will be made to monitor the delays which have no become routine and expected and definite every day; and

(e) the steps proposed to consider ways to reduce such definite delays?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Each aircraft of the Indian Airlines fleet is assigned to operate a number of flights on different routes during the course of the day. A delay or cancellation of a flight thus may lead to delay or cancellation of subsequent flights operated by that aircraft on that very day. As a result, flight operating in the evening hours *i.e.* towards the later part of the aircraft's assigned route schedule are susceptible to consequential delays/cancellations which are at times beyound the control of the management.

(c) During the last three months 22.47% of the evening flights IC-839 (Delhi-Hyderabad) were delayed by more than two hours. This included 5.62% of the flights delayed due to reasons within the purview of Indian Airlines, Remaining 16.85% were delayed due to consequential reasons beyound the control of Indian Airlines.

(d) and (e) All technical delays and cancellations are investigated and remedial action taken immediate. A meeting of representatives of operating departments at the regional level is held daily. At the base station, delays and cancellations are analyzed to identify repetitive snags and special maintenance action is immediately taken. At the Headquaters level, the punctuality of services is monitored on a daily basis. Regular meetings are also held with the vendors of manufacturers for bringing in improvement in the product and systems.

Increasing air services

†3181. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of air routes in the country wherein domestic air services have been increased;

(b) the names of States benefited by the increase;

(c) the details of existing air routes alongwith new routes where

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

respective proposals for increasing flight services and introducing air services are under consideration during the year 2006-07; and

(d) the details of proposals received from State Governments in this regard alongwith those approved and pending as on 31st January, 2006, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The details of increase in air services by Indian Airlines and the names of states benefited are enclosed. *(See* below)

(c) Indian Airlines has plans to increase air services on the key metro sectors subject to availability of adquate resources.

(d) Reqests are received from State Governments from time to time introducing air services which are duly considred by Indian Airlines. Further the Government has laid down route dispersal guidelines with a view to achieving better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country including North-East region. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of route despersal guidelines issued by Government.

Statement

Increase in domestic air services

Route	From	To	State
Effective from Summer 04 schedule			
Mumbai-Bangalore	4 A320 Daily	5A320Daily	Maharashtra & Karnataka
Mumbai-Delhi	10 A320 Daily	11 A320 Daily	Maharashtra & Delhi
Delhi-Patna	Daily A320	11 A320/week	Bihar & Delhi
Hyderabad-Tirupati	2 A320/Wk	4 A320/Wk	Andhra Pradesh
Delhi-Hyderabad	1A300+1 A320 per day	3 A320/day	Andhra Pradesh & Delhi
Kolkata-Guwahati	7A320+7ATR	7 A320+14ATR	Assam & West Bengal
Kolkata-Shillong	3ATR	6 ATR	West Bengal & Meghalaya
Silchar-lmphal	5ATR	6 ATR	Assam and Manipur

Route	From	To	State
Effective from Summer 2005 schedule			
Kolkata-Mumbai	2 A320 daily	3 A320 daily	West Bengal & Maharashtra
During Winter 2005 schedule			
Hyderabad-Tirupati	4 A320	Daily A320 (in Jan'06)	Andhra Pradesh
Pune-Hyderabad	Nil	4 A320 (eff 13.12.2005)	Andhra Pradesh & Maharashtra
Effective from Summer 2006 schedule (eff. 26th March'06)			
Mumbai-Chennai	3 A320+ 1 A300/day	4 A320+ 1A300/day	Maharashtra & Tamil Nadu
Kolkata- Ahmedabad			
Jaipur-Kolkata		4 A319/week	West Bengal, Gujarat & Rajasthan
Kolkata-Jaipur			
Ahmedabad-Kolkata		3 A319/week	West Bengal, Gujarat & Rajasthan
Effective from 15th April 06			
Nagpur-Hyderabad	2 B737	2B737/week	2 A320+ Andhra Pradesh & Maharashtra
Effective from 01st May 06			
Kolkata-lmphal	3 B737	6 A319	West Bengal Manipur
Aizwal-lmphal	2 B737	3 A319	Mizoram & Manipur

Unutilised bilateral agreements

3182. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that about 47 of the 101 airlines bilateral agreements signed between India and other countries are unutilised;

(b) whether it is also a fact that of the 54 operational bilaterals, carriers from both countries are offering services only in 26 cases;

(c) if so, whether it is a fact that the severe dearth of flights coupled with unviable locations are the reasons for a number of bilateral pacts lying unused; and